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the registration of voters. Those days are

suddenly grown into a threat to the colossal three-ring menagerie-hippdromes occupying the attention of pleasure seekers and enterprise watchers, Strolling bands of disqualined or unfortunate players opened up these paths for tent shows and from stragglers of uncertain license and certain rascality the little company of clowns and half-trained gymnasts showed the wary circus faker a way to pick up business and profit

FOLDING OF THE TENTS.

Circuses Hunt Winter Quarters While Showman Think the Old Thoughts.

Art is getting a move on herself. Yes-

terday upon a circus banner shone the

cheering legend: "Sole chastely artis-

tic musical contortionists now before

About unoccupied corners and con-

lested acres of estates in Chicago hang

noisily the flopping tents of the itiner-

ant 10-centeireus, an industry over-

looked by amusement chroniclers but

by a harmless humbug almost wel-

I happened to be in Crown Point, Ind., yesterday, and the pretty village was affame with warnings of the presence of Wallace's Gigantle Circus. Instantly I hied myself hither and there it was-the same "grand entry," lady performer in the air rings, trapeze, slack wire, charlot races, trained animals, strong people lifting glittering generalities in cast iron and young ladies twisting themselves up in knots of spangled intricacy; there were the jugglers, the dashing party who throws knives at a stripped lady in impres-sive scowls and dodging attitude, again the "principal bareback equestrienne" of my tumultuous infant circus days. the double-hautecole-menage act and the hesitating somersault rider; besides these inevitables behold the pompous cracker of the ring whip, the fulldress, snappy person to whom the august stars bow low and at whom the sulphurously silly joey courageously tween the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock hurls puns too weighty for the Samsons of brawn to lift out of obscurity. Just the same, it seemed to me quite as good as any circus I had seen in MUST REGISTER ANEW-it matters not that you were years. Ringlings' seemed the greatest show ever produced and ten years back so did the Barnum & Bailey crush of these came attractions, and now it occurs to me that a week or so ago I took five small boys into a weather-stained tent pitched on the corner of Loomis and Congress streets, paid 10 cents admission and that was absolutely the best of them all. The only difference in the big shows and little ones infesting America is not in the variety but the art, the fluish, the talent of the performers, the number of them em-

> Wallace winters near Peru, Ind., and, like every other circus grower, the most attractive portion of his show is never shown. He has the same privilege of exhibiting magnificent draft horses (by which Cody made such a sensation here last spring); he has 100 little Shetland ponies at the farm which eat their heads off and bray at each other all year, but never travel for their health or money, nor do the splendid Percherons ever do anything but haul. Up at Baraboo considerably the same conditions exist. American showmen do not make use of the novel attractions at their command. The Ringlings are superb athletes, gymnasts and tumblers, but instantly they bestirred themselves to management the sawdust was something credibly impossible and they sit about growing fat while inferior performers do work they might with physical and financial advantage keep up. Col. Cody is an actor of infallible reliability in his own show; he is the prime attraction and in the fifteen or more years in which he has served the public Cody has missed just three performances—one when his little daughter died, one when his daughter Artea was very ill and one other when the United States Government requested his services. He is really a greater showman than any floating

ployed and the number of rings employ-

tion and genius of W. F. Cody. I was in Cody's tent one day when a boy came in aglow with importance at the distinction of being allowed to speak to the incomparable Bill.

history pictures him. What has been

sensational or in a pose for the public

has quite obscured the larger disposi-

"How are Col. Cody?" said the child. "I'm the boy 't wrote you the letter." "Yes," said the object of his idolatry, with a kindly smile, as he brought to view a pigeon-hole package containing at least fifty epistles. "Which one of

these did you write?" Not less than fifty a day and sometimes more than fifty childish billets a woman." reach Buffalo Bill, and they are such rare literary contributions that to pub-

lish them would be to round up the poets and warriors in embryo alkover the country. Nearly all Cody's letters come from boys and young ladies; that glamour intoxicating to blithe and adventurous infancy still hangs about Cody, and not a little of his unchallenged popularity is wrapped in this pleasant knowledge of the barbaric element in all youth and its easily won worship. The thing is not to be exalted or better than all others, but to be different and Joshua could not stop the eternal plod of the circus sun in its orbit of conventionality.-Amy Leslie, in Chiengo News.

Electric Sounding.

It is said by the engineers who conducted the laying of the Amazon river cable to Mananos that the difficulties of their enterprise would have been almost insuperable if the ordinary methods of sounding had had to be relied upon. There were no charts to go by, the river bottom was constantly shifting, and the softness of the soil, mostly alluvial clay, would allow the lead to sink into for several feet. An electric device, fitly named a submarine sentinel, was suspended from the cable ship and set at, say, five fathoms. So long as there were no signal from the "sentinel" the engineer could steam ahead without fear; but the moment the ship got into water shallower than the gauge fixed upon, the sounder gave an alarm, and special reckonings were taken. A somewhat simpler device, having the same end in view, has been invented, the idea being to have it used as a substitute for the hand lead as a vessel approaches a coast or shoal in darkness or fog. when the captain is doubtful of his bearings. The apparatus consists of a metallic cylinder, having a water-sight chamber. Within the chamber

works a piston, upon the outer edge of which is a heavy ball. When the apparatus is swinging clear in the water, the weight of this ball keeps open an electric circuit; but as soon as the sounder touches the bottom the circuit is closed, and the current, conveyed by wires running in the cable by which the sounder is attached to the ship, rings a bell in any department of the ship. The cost of the device is quite moderate, and its inventor claims that its operation is simple and sure.-New

STRANGE LABORATORY IN PARIS.

Established in the Catneombs Under the Jardin des Plantes. Deep in the bowels of the earth a curious laboratory is about to be establish-

ed in the Jardin des Plantes. Under the gardens run some old galleries of the catacombs, which have not been opened in 100 years. The laboratory which is to be established in these galleries will give an opportunity to study the effect of obscurity upon animal life. Everyone has heard of the fish without eyes in the cave of Kentucky and other freaks which exist in dark wells and such places. These facts are of great importance in studying the evolution of man and species, but so far no

carried out by scientists. Down in the deep galleries of the catacombs it is always pitch dark and fish pends will be dug in the solid rock and stocked with fish to study the effect of the obscurity upon them and their offspring. Animals will also be kept down there for the same purpose.

researches upon the subject have been

A good deal of trouble and some danger was experienced in opening up the galleries, which have for so long been closed. The temperature 200 feet below the surface is chill and damp. while the gases which have accumulated in 100 years made it a ticklish undertaking to descend. These galleries undermine almost the whole of Paris and its environs, being used as catacombs and also for growing mushrooms. Under the Jardin des Plantes they have never been used since the stoneworkers left them in 1779. They are very narrow and one has to stoop in going through them. In some places the roof has fallen in, but most of the galleries are dug out of solid rock and will last for all time. The laboratory will be the only one of its kind in the world and the savants who have undertaken experiments will throw new light upon the doctrine of evolution.-New York



Imogene Guiney and Stephen Crane are becoming known in France through recent translations.

"The Sentimental Sex," by Gertrude Warden, is announced as a new novel of especial orginality.

Georges Hugo, grandson of the great French author, recently made his debut in letters with a book entitled "Souvenirs of a Sallor."

The Boston Aeronautical Society has offered \$250 in cash prizes for the best designs for kites and the best monograph on their mechanical principles. Clergymen found a luminous article

in the July Homiletic Review by Professor Blakle of the University of Edinburg on "The Essentials of Effective Expository Preaching."

William Black, whose novel "Briseis" has recently appeared in book form, main stalk and bearing tassels and was once a leader writer on the Lon- sometimes ears which mature later. don News. He says his journalistic ex- These sucker sprouts are often a very perience helped him but little as a material advantage to the crop, not novelist; though he recommends a re- from the grain they bear themselves, porter's career as valuable for gaining but for the pollen they distribute on the experience of life. Bliss Carman has returned from a

business trip to London and Paris by way of Amiens. Regarding journalism he says be likes the "strong, and healthy, and slow-moving" British ways best. Though he has lived in New York, he says the city gives him a feeling of unrest and uneasiness.

Max O'Rell has no use for the Anglo-Saxonnew woman. In the North American Review he declares her to be "the most ridiculous production of modern times, and destined to be the most ghastly failure of the century." He says she wants to retain all the privlieges of her sex and secure all those of man besides. "She will fail to become a man," Max kindly assures us, "but she may succeed in ceasing to be

Wives Drawn by Lot.

In some parts of Russia a queer game is still played at Christmas time which has much to do with the future lives of the participants. Some prominent person in the village announces that the annual merrymaking will be held at his house. On the appointed day the young men and women hasten in huge excitement to the meeting place.

There are songs and games and dances, but they are simply a prelude to the more important business of the day. When the time comes the hostess leads all the girls into one room, where they seat themselves on the benches. Laughing and chattering, they are each promptly muffled in winding sheets by the hostess. The head and hair and figure are completely covered. and when this is done the girls resemble mummles.

The young men draw lots, and one by one they enter the room where the muffled girls sit. Helpless so far as sight or touch goes, the puzzled lover tries to find his favorite. Maybe she would help him if her eyes were not hidden, but she is as helpless as he. Finally he chooses one, and then he may unveil her. This is the critical moment, and disappointment or rapture will be the result of seeing her face. It is the law of custom that the man shall marry the girl he has picked out.

happy marriages. "Say, your horse reaches over the fence and pulls the branches off our

"Oh, that's all right. The hoss can't hurt hisself so long as you don't throw no broken glass bottles over on our side" Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FOOLED THE JUDGE.

A Successful Ruse to Save a Com-demned Murderer's Neck, "Some years ago I was on the beach in a Nebraska circuit," said Judge A. R. Simmons of Omaha to a Star re-

"A murder was committed under rather peculiar circumstances. A man named Bill Chadwick and a man named Tom Plummer were enemies, and had been for some time, each having threatened the life of the other. A reconciliation was effected, and one day the two men went hunting togeth-Plummer returned alone and said had bought Chadwick's horse, and the latter had gone to Kansas.

"Considerable suspicion existed, but Chadwick had no relatives and there was no way of disproving the story. Several months later the bones of & man were found where it was known Chadwick and Plummer had been together on the day the former disappeared. By means of the boots and a peculiarity of the teeth the remains were identified as those of Chadwick. Plummer was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

"Three or four days before the time fixed for the execution a man entered my office and saluted me:

'Howd'y, judge.' " 'How are you?' I answered. 'What can I do for you?

"'I reckoned you'd know me,' he said, 'I'm Bill Chadwick. The feller Tom Plummer was convicted of killin'.' "I was naturally greatly surprised, and somewhat doubtful as to the truth of his story. But he stuck to it under

the most rigid cross-examination. "'I don't like Tom none too well,' he said, 'but I sold him the hoss all right and I went to Kansas. I didn't heer about the trial till after it was over, so when I did hear, I thought it would be a shame to let Tom hang, and I come

"I took the man to the prosecuting attorney, who had known Chadwick elightly, and he identified the man as the one supposed to be murdered. We took the first train to Lincoln, reaching there just in time to secure a pardon

"Both Plummer and Chadwick disappeared as soon as the former was re-leased, and I had ceased to think about the strange affair when I changed circuits with another judge, and while sitting in the hotel I saw Chadwick pass. I called the landlord's attention to him, and asked if Chadwick lived

"'Bill Chadwick? No, he don't live anywhere. He's dead. That man's name is Plummer. He does look nough like Chadwick to pass for him. His brother was the man who killed Chadwick, and then got pardoned some way or other, I don't know how.' And I did not tell him."

Rains and Corn Tassels. There has been everywhere this year elenty of rains and none too many through most of the corn-growing region. This has a very important effect on the corn crop, which the past three or four weeks has been fertilized by the pollen from the many thousands of corn tassels in every large corn field. It sometimes happens that continuous rains during the corn-tasselling period wash away the pollen as fast as it falls on the silk. Usually, however, the failure to fertilise the ear comes from the drought. When the tassel is once dried up, it is impossible for rains to rejuvenate it and make its pollen available. But in most fields there will be more or less suckers sprouting from the unfertilized ears on the main stalk.

Carbonio Acid Gas in Cars. For some years inventors have been trying to transport fruit in cars filled with carbonic acid gas. Inasmuch as the germs of fermentation cannot live in this gas it is assumed that no ice would be needed, and since this is both heavy and expensive it is thought that fruit can be transported for long distances much more cheaply in the new way. A car load of fruit in one of these care was lately sent from San Jose, Cal., to Chicago, but the result was not satisfactory. The fruit had not rotted, but owing to the extremely hot weather it had almost been cooked Ice will still be a necessity in very hot weather unless some means of keeping the car cool is added to the antiseption advantages of the gas.

Squaring the Circle. One of the problems that are as old as the science of mathematics is that of squaring the circle. By squaring the circle is meant the problem of finding the sides of a square exactly equal in area to a circle of given diameter. To do this, either by elementary geometry or by expressing it arithmetically in commensurable numbers, has been found to be an impossibility. In other words, the ratio between the diameter and the circumference of a circle cannot be exactly found, even though in the division the decimal may be carried out to ten thousand figures. The above being the exact facts in the case, we will say that the problem of squaring the circle is one that has long been given up by the mathematicians as in-

lan't It Strange That so many things come apart that will not go together again? That it is often so hard to get the cat back into the bag again after having once been let out?

ence of such a disease? That a large amount of happiness may be wrought out of many small things, when rightly handled?

That a great amount of both happiand if either backs out a heavy forfeit ness and misery may be wrought out must be paid. It is said that this matri- from very little things, and a small monial lottery is productive of many amount of both misery and happiness from very great things, counting the adjectives by measure "after the manner of men?"—Good Housekeeping.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who spat in his hand and hit it with two fingers, to ascertain the direction of something he had lost?

It is surprising how many people look like the devil.



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